ED/EN 462 Literature for Young Adults

Catalog Description:
A comprehensive study of literature for young adults, focused on one or two specific genres as selected by instructor (e.g., poetry, novels, short stories). Study of form and structure of selected genre(s) selection of texts for secondary schools, with attention to various types of readers (accelerated, average, reluctant). Needs and interests of adolescents will be examined in relation to sociocultural and educational practices.

Objectives:
The overall goal of this course is to develop among participants an understanding of literature for young adults and of methods for engaging young adults in the study and enjoyment of that literature. Participants in ED/EN 462 will:

- Develop an understanding of the field of young adult literature.
- Identify the reading needs and interests of the young adult reader.
- Identify the characteristics of quality young adult literature and critically evaluate young adult literature based on those characteristics.
- Identify and use resources for selecting appropriate books and materials for young adults.
- Develop an understanding of theoretical approaches and recent research relative to the teaching of young adult literature and values of using young adult literature in the curriculum.
- Develop techniques for using literature across the curriculum and for motivating young adult readers.
- Identify authors of literature for young adults.
- Study specific genres as selected by the instructor (e.g., poetry, novels, short stories).
- Consider the selection and teaching of young adult literature as it relates to specific contemporary issues such as technology, diversity and censorship.